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Dear Examiner Kim:

This response addresses the Election/Restriction Requirement dated October 22, 2002 with respect to the above-identified patent application. **Applicant** provisionally elects, with traverse, a species identified as Group I – Figs. 1 and 2 by the Election/Restriction Requirement. This election is made for purposes only of expediting prosecution and facilitating examination, and without intending in any way to surrender claim scope broader than the present elected species.

Applicant believes that at least claims 1-5, 7-13 and 15-17 read on the

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elected species. In the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicant does not identify the remaining claims as reading on the elected species. However, this is not intended as a concession that the remaining claims do not read on the elected species.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this communication, the Examiner is kindly urged to call the undersigned.

If for some reason Applicant has not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent the abandonment of this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1097 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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